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MANUFACTURE OF A TIRE AND A TIRE, THE TREAD OF WHICH

COMPRISES SUCH A COMPOSITION

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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the present application and calculation of the claim fees, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.